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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 834- WITH AMMENDMENT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE-REQUIREMENTS March 2, 2023

TO: Del. C.T. Wilson, Chair and members of the Economic Matters Committee
FROM: Tom Clark, Political Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the Committee, please consider **supporting HB 834**, this forward thinking electric vehicle charging legislation, along with my suggested **amendment**. This amendment adds an industry standard certification to the installers, and therefore adds an element of safety that is not included in the text of this bill.

I would like to commend the sponsors of this bill for ensuring basic requirements to electric companies such as: providing to “underserved community” as well as installing chargers in multi-family dwellings. I would like to add to this bill, a certain qualification for the installers. The EVITP program or Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program, is an industry developed, comprehensive training program for installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers in North America. The purpose of HB 834 is to provide electric chargers to the “public”. To keep the “public” safe, requires uniform and quality installation, ensured by the EVITP program. Therefore, I would like the following amendment added to this bill:

Installation of Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations Must Be Performed By Certified Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) Installers

This amendment can be added in definitions as part of page 2, line 22 and or page 3 after line 24 as item **(D)**

I encourage this legislation and installation of electric vehicle chargers, I just hope we can add these minimal qualifications for the safety of all Marylanders. I ask for your **support of HB 834** and **support of the EVITP amendment**. Thank you





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